

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 20220US02)

In the Application of:

Nambi Seshadri

U.S. Serial No.: 10/660,780

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For: CORRELATING VIDEO IMAGES OF
LIP MOVEMENTS WITH AUDIO
SIGNALS TO IMPROVE SPEECH
RECOGNITION

Examiner: Martin Lerner

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("the Examiner's Statement") in the above-identified application and accompanies the issue/publication fee transmittal (part B).

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Statement presents only some of the reasons for allowance of the claims, and that other reasons also exist for allowing the claims such as, for example, those set forth more completely in the record as a whole. This interpretation is consistent with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, which states that any statement of reasons for allowance "[i]s not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state all the reasons for allowance are set forth." M.P.E.P. § 1302.14.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Statement might imply that the dependent claims are only allowable because they depend from allowed independent claims. However, the Examiner's Statement does not discuss any of the other elements of the claimed subject matter, in particular, those additional elements recited in the dependent claims which may render the dependent claims independently allowable in view of the specification, prosecution file history and/or the documents made of record, either alone or in combination.

Finally, Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 19-23, and 26-51 are allowable in view of all of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination. However, Applicant does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. In closing, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, to argue

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what is allegedly well known, allegedly obvious or allegedly disclosed, or to argue the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

If the Examiner has questions, or if Applicant can be of assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, to charge any fee deficiencies or to credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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